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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the August edition of "Evaluation News: Expanding Knowledge Through Information Exchange." This monthly E-newsletter contains national and state evaluation publication sources, resources, news updates, and information on upcoming conferences. The E-newsletter provides evaluation information to states on a regular basis using technology to promote information exchange and enhance capacity to access the research community.

NATIONAL EVALUATION NEWS

The National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST), on behalf of the Justice Management Division (JMD) of the U.S. Department of Justice, has issued a final report entitled, *The Fingerprint Vendor Technology Evaluation (FpVTE)*. This evaluation presents the results from an evaluation of fingerprint matching, identification, and verification systems. The complete report is available at: <http://fpvte.nist.gov/>

The Urban Institute has produced a report entitled, *Using Outcome Information: Making Data Pay Off*. The full report is available at: http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/311040_OutcomeInformation.pdf

STATE EVALUATION NEWS

The Austin Police Department recently completed an evaluation of its 3-1-1 system. The report, *Building a 3-1-1 System for Non-Emergency Calls: A Process and Impact Evaluation*, is available through NCJRS (NCJ 205987) and can also be accessed at:

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=1275>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is sponsoring four regional conferences this fall for State Administering Agencies and Subgrantees. The conference series, "Managing and Maximizing Justice Funds at the State and Local Levels," is designed to provide information that is timely, relevant and substantive while also assisting policy makers' and practitioners' efforts to improve criminal justice operations and services, and deliver effective criminal justice programs. Conference dates and locations are available at:

<http://www.ncja.org/bjaregionalmeeting.html>

Has your state published recent evaluation reports? Contact Veronica Puryear to insure your work is included in a future edition of Evaluation News!

UPCOMING CONFERENCES CONTINUED

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFC) will be hosting two workshops designed to assist various practitioners in enhancing the effectiveness of their juvenile drug courts. "Adolescent Treatment: Effective and Innovative Approaches to Substance Abuse Treatment" will take place September 13-15, 2004. "Incentives and Sanctions: Promoting Responsible Behavior in Juvenile Drug Court Participants," will take place September 13-14, 2004. Both workshops will be held at the Allegro Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. Complete information concerning the workshops is available at: <http://dcpi.ncjrs.org/> under "Other Training Opportunities: Enhancing the Effectiveness of Your Juvenile Drug Court."

The Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Justice Research and Statistics Association will be hosting their national conference "Data for Decisionmakers: Ensuring Quality and Applicability" on October 28-29, 2004, in Seattle, Washington. For more information on the conference, visit: <http://www.jrsa.org> and click on the BJS/JRSA 2004 National Conference icon located at the top right corner.

The National Drug Court Institute, in collaboration with the Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, will host its sixth series of Regional Evaluation Trainings that are designed to address the evaluation needs of drug court programs. Attendees will receive training in developing effective systems and strategies for monitoring and evaluating their drug court programs. The training will take place November 12-13, 2004, in Dallas, Texas. For more information, contact Aaron Roussell at the National Drug Court Institute, aroussell@ndci.org, or visit: http://www.ndci.org/training_schedule03.htm

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking proposals to conduct research and evaluation relevant to state and/or local criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice in areas such as policing, community crime prevention, justice system improvements, corrections, and alcohol- and drug-related crime. The deadline is September 28, 2004. For complete details see: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000663.pdf>

RESOURCES

Basic Guide To Outcomes-Based Evaluation for Nonprofit Organizations with Very Limited Resources by Carter McNamara

<http://www.mapnp.org/library/evaluatn/outcomes.htm>

Evaluation Methods for Social Interventions by Mark W. Lipsey and David S. Cordray

http://www.vanderbilt.edu/cerm/mark_2000.pdf

Introduction to Program Evaluation by Murari Suvedi

<http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~brick/suved2.htm>

RESOURCES CONTINUED

New from SAGE Publications:

Research and Evaluation in Education and Psychology: Integrating Diversity with Quantitative, Qualitative, and Mixed Methods, 2nd edition, by Donna M. Mertens

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<http://www.sagepub.com/book.aspx?pid=10217>

Evaluation Methodology Basics: The Nuts and Bolts of Sound Evaluation by E. Jane Davidson

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<http://www.sagepub.com/book.aspx?pid=10303>

The Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center (JJEC) at the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) has recently published the 7th briefing in its Program Evaluation Briefing Series. The briefing, entitled *Approaches to Assessing Juvenile Justice Program Performance*, as well as JJEC's entire briefing series can be accessed at:

<http://www.jrsa.org/jjec/about/jjec-pubs.html>

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